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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Jeffrey W. Bochesa, age 43, of Santa Anna, California, and part owner and manager of Bob Parrett Construction Company ("Parrett Construction") of Westminster, California, pleaded guilty before the Honorable Judge James C. Cacheris to conspiracy to defraud the United States by facilitating kickbacks to TRW building managers and overcharging TRW approximately \$1.4 million for work done at TRW's Redondo Beach facility from 1996 through 2000. Bochesa faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing is set for January 30, 2003.

TRW passed on 94% of the overcharges to the United States Government, including the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), an intelligence organization of the United States, headquartered in Chantilly, Virginia, in the form of engineering overhead costs associated with TRW's performance of government contracts.

Bochesa managed the day-to-day affairs of Parrett Construction, which held a contract with TRW to repair, maintain, and modify certain TRW facilities that were used by TRW in its performance of United States Government contracts. Bochesa authorized Parrett Construction project manager Marco Urrea to spend approximately \$100,000 on gratuities for Jeffrey A. Zmina, a TRW Redondo Beach building manager. Bochesa also authorized Parrett Construction to pay substantial gratuities to other TRW building managers to influence and reward them in connection with the Redondo Beach business.

In May 2002, Zmina pleaded guilty in federal district court in Los Angeles to accepting illegal kickbacks on a United States Government contract. In September 2002, in federal district court in Alexandria, Virginia, Urrea pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The investigation was conducted by special agents of the FBI, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Office of the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Learned.